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Elba Police Chief Troy Staley remains on administrative leave with pay

## Mayor says a hearing with Staley set for July 7th

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Monday, June 26, Elba City Council meeting Mayor Tom Maddox briefly addressed Police Chief Troy Staley being placed on administrative leave.

"We all know Chief Troy Staley was placed on administrative leave with pay on June 17," Maddox said. "All we will talk about tonight is I will say that I do have a hearing set for next week with Mr. Staley on July 7th."

While city officials have not publicly revealed a reason for Staley being placed on administrative leave, there have been numerous reports that a protection from elder abuse motion was filed in the Covington County court system against Staley. According to reports, the complaint was filed Thursday, June 15, against Staley alleging he entered an Andalusia home where he was staying and began to "knock stuff of the wall." The 61-year-old female complainant that filed the protection order has the same last name as Staley.

Also, a motion filed Wednesday, June 21, in Covington County alleges the above mentioned female Staley subject was arrested June 13th and charged with domestic violence - third degree and menacing. That motion listed Harold (Troy) Staley as the victim.

In the interim, with Staley on administrative leave from

his police chief duties in Elba, Lieutenant Shayne Arnett is serving as acting police chief for Elba, and he provided an update to council members for the police department during Monday evening's council meeting.

Arnett said activity for the department was pretty routine, but he did note that the department's new police car had been picked up and brought 'home' to Elba earlier in the day Monday.

Also, Arnett confirmed the department had one new officer set to begin work on Wednesday of this week.

## Elba City Council and W&E Board vote to give employees additional paid holiday on July 3rd this year

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council and Elba Water & Electric Board each voted Monday night, June 26, during their respective meetings to give employees an extra day off next week for the

Independence Day holiday.

Motions were passed during the meetings to give employees Monday, July 3, as an extra paid day off for the holiday for 2023 only. July 4th already is an annual paid holiday for employees.

In providing the additional day [July 3] this year, it gives employees a four-day weekend.

"I know some communities in the Wiregrass are doing this for their employees - not all, but some," council member Jane Brunson said. "I think this is a nice, small perk we can give our employees."

Mayor Tom Maddox agreed. He said it might hurt the crowd for the city's July 4th event if some choose to "go out of town" for the long holiday weekend, but he said he believes giving the extra day for the holiday would be a nice perk for employees.

Unanimous consent from the voting panels awarded July 3 as an extra day off for employees for 2023.

Also, during both the council meeting and water and electric board meeting, it was voted on to allow employees subject to outdoor work to begin working 6 a.m. - 3 p.m. This new work schedule began Wednesday, June 28, and will continue through the end of September.

Mayor Maddox said this is something the city did last year when "we started getting indecently hot weather."

This change in work schedule only applies to employees that work outdoors. It will not affect work hours for any office employees.



**ELBA 8U TEAM COMPETES IN DYB STATE TOURNAMENT...**The Elba Parks and Recreation 8U All-Star baseball team that finished as the Dixie Youth Baseball [DYB] Division II, District 9 runners-up competed last weekend in the DYB Division II State Tournament in Headland, Ala. The Elba team won one game and lost two at the state tournament to finish 12th in the state for DYB Division II. Above, Elba's Ladarius Lockett is pictured running down the third base line headed for home to score a run for the Elba team in their final game Sunday afternoon, June 25, at the state tournament. More pictures from the state tournament can be found on Page 8 of today's paper.

## Coffee County School System among top systems in state for ACAP Reading Assessment

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Alabama Department of Education recently released numbers for the 2022-2023 ACAP Reading Assessment testing, and the Coffee County School System scored high in the assessment.

Overall, the system tested at 91.33 percent of second graders on or above grade level in reading while third graders tested at 88.89 percent on or above grade level.

"Our focus has been on teaching the child and not a curriculum," said Coffee

County Schools superintendent Kelly Cobb.

Out of 196 second graders tested systemwide, only 17 [8.67 percent] were below grade level with their reading on the ACAP test. The 91.33 percent on or above grade level with reading represented 179 students.

For third graders in the Coffee County System, 207 students were tested. Only 23 [11.11 percent] were below grade level. The 88.89 percent on or above grade level represented 184 students systemwide.

Taking a closer look at individual schools, Kinston had 41 second graders tested with only one student scoring below grade level for a 97.56 percent of students on or above grade level in reading. The school tested 39 third grader and only three were below grade level, which meant 92.31 percent of third graders at Kinston scored on or above grade level in reading.

"We aim to engrain within our students a passion for reading by celebrating their accomplishments," said Kinston principal Megan Driggers. "This was evidenced by their ACAP scores!"

Zion Chapel tested 58

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### NOTICE:

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Tuesday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday.

All advertising and news for the Thursday, July 6 edition of the newspaper is due to the office before noon Monday, July 3rd.



**The Town of Kinston Queens helped celebrate the addition of a Inchy Bookworm Vending Machine** to the halls of Kinston Elementary School last Thursday morning, June 22, as the queens "cut the ribbon" officially making the vending machine open for business. The queens participating in this special occasion were: [back row, l to r] Petite Miss Kinston Aila Weeks, Pre-Teen Miss Kinston RyLeigh Thornton, and Miss Kinston McKinley Gibson; [front, l to r] Tiny Miss Kinston Collins Odom, Future Little Miss Kinston Lillie Claire Bradley, and Little Miss Kinston Hadley Dean. More photos on Page 3.

## Kinston Elementary gets new book vending machine

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Kinston Elementary School held a ribbon cutting Thursday morning, June 22, for a new vending machine located inside the school, but it does not dispense sodas nor chips. Instead, when students place their token into the vending machine, it will distribute a book!

"A sense of fun and expectancy is created when a vending machine's coils twist to deliver a treat," said Kinston principal Megan Driggers. "Now, our students will be able to experience this same excitement as they insert a golden token and wait for a literary treat to clang in the bottom bin."

This comes from the Inchy Bookworm Book Vending Machine that was "opened" for business last Thursday morning at the elementary school. The machine stocks more than 300 books with a variety of genres and reading levels.

"The machine is one of the first of its kind in Coffee County," Kinston vice principal Crystal Hawthorne said.

Reading is a foundational skill that has a tremendous impact on one's success in life, but it is also fun.

Hawthorne said reading has many benefits, such as

increased cognitive function, vocabulary, memory, empathy, and decreased levels of stress.

"The goals of our book vending machine are to inspire and foster a love for reading among our students," Driggers said. "We aim to engrain within our students a passion for reading by celebrating their accomplishments with books and continuing their reading successes."

She said this was evidenced recently by the Kinston's ACAP scores with a 98 percent proficiency rate in second grade and a 92 percent proficiency rate in third grade.

"Additionally, by providing our students with books they can own, we will provide a layer of engagement opportunities for our children and the educators,

parents, and caregivers to nurture and support them and reinforce the value of literacy," Hawthorne added. "Our new book vending machine reinforces the school's 'Read at Home Plan' mandated by the Alabama Literacy Act."

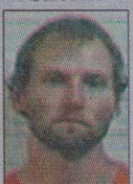
The books from the vending machine will be utilized as positive behavioral supports and academic incentives, according to administrators. Students will be rewarded for exemplary accomplishments, including but not limited to perfect attendance, improvement in academics, meeting benchmarks, and good citizenship.

The vending machine was purchased through district funding sources, and the books were purchased by the Kinston School Education Foundation.

## Coffee County Deputies arrest Glenwood man on drug charge

Deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department arrested a Glenwood, Ala. man last Thursday evening, June 22, for possession of a controlled substance.

According to Coffee County Jail records, Kevin Little, age 31, of Glenwood, was booked into the jail at 8:55 p.m. last Thursday following his arrest. He was charged with one count of possession of a controlled substance with bond set at \$15,000. As of press time, Little remained in the Coffee County Jail.





## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

*"Lead me, follow me, or get the hell out of my way."* - George S. Patton Jr.

July 4th is just around the corner. Entirely too many people consider this just a day off from work and fail to appreciate the importance of the freedoms that continue to be celebrated annually on this day. Enjoy your day off, but please take a few moments to give thanks to our ancestors who made these cherished freedoms possible.

Throwing phones at entertainers during their performance... dumb. Somehow a certain element of society has decided it is 'cool' to hit entertainers with various objects, included food and of course recently a cell phone. Now someone has more money (or less sense) than yours truly because every cellphone we have had cost more than most of the tickets to the top name entertainer events. That is secondary, because throwing anything (except money) makes absolutely no sense and shouts "REDNECK!"

Lab grown meats! Recently the USDA gave official approval for Upside Foods and Good Meat to start selling their lab-grown chicken products in the U.S.!!! It is not in the stores just yet, but 'it is coming'. They call it 'cultivated meat'. The next thing we expect to hear is someone's claim that it causes cancer - not today nor tomorrow but upon the delivery of the product to the grocery stores - in the not-so-distant future. OH, a few foreign countries have had these products on a limited basis for several years.

The ongoing confusion in Russia has been interesting to say the least. Frankly, it came as no surprise that that guy Yevgeny Prigozhin, head of the private army that has carried much of Putin's dirty work around the world, especially in Ukraine, got the itch to 'take over' the mother country last weekend. We don't know exactly what happened, but his troops were rapidly headed up the road to Moscow when suddenly they stopped, and he announced they were withdrawing, and the takeover effort was itself was apparently over! Reports in some news outlets indicate there were threats of harm against the families of the attacking troops. The news announcements show him exiled to a neighboring country and his troops handed a peace offering of freedom without jail OR a position fighting with the Russian regular army. All that stuff about the coup attempt is news today and contradicted tomorrow. What will happen next is anyone's guess and we have not even an opinion of what that will be.

The Elba Splash Pad was in full operational mode Saturday as Tiger Town Park was brimming with hot citizens, both young and not-so-young, needing to cool off as they prepared to enjoy their picnic lunches. We will not try to estimate the number of people in the park but be assured it was 'a bunch'. You can expect to see more of the same as America moves through the holidays.

The Elba Police Chief situation has not changed from the "suspension with pay" but Mayor Tom Maddox announced at the Monday night council meeting that a hearing has been scheduled with the chief in early July on the issue.



Elba's own Jay Wilson (pictured above) competed last weekend in the 74th Annual Press Thornton Future Masters golf event held in Dothan, Ala. The 15-year-old Elba High School student is the son of Josh and Jill Wilson of Elba. This was Wilson's first time competing at the Future Masters. Wilson said he was honored to have the opportunity to compete against some of the most talented junior golfers out there with 38 states and five foreign countries represented at this year's event. There were 240 junior golfers, ages 15-18, competing. Wilson was one of the youngest. His dad, Josh, said Jay accomplished his goal of making the cut and advancing to the final round. Only 104 of the total 240 golfers advanced. "While the final round did not turn out like we had hoped, we could not be more proud of how Jay continued to grind and persevere," Josh said.

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## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, June 20, 2023, and Monday, June 26, 2023, conducted the following activity:

**Tuesday, June 20** - Disorderly person reported at 375 Hwy 203 (5:59 a.m.); Trespassing reported to Elba Police (10:31 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 816 Putnam St (2:57 p.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (5:05 p.m.); Drug activity reported to Elba Police (8:18 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 615 Jackson Ave (9:18 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 595 Collier St (9:39 p.m.); Report of shots fired on Farris Ave (9:50 p.m.).

**Wednesday, June 21** - Animal complaint reported at 2209 Taylor Mill Rd - w/impound (10:18 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 903 Wayne St (6:19 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 208 Hwy 203 (7:04 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1584 Caroline St, C4 (10:58 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in verbal warnings.

**Thursday, June 22** - Suspicious vehicle reported at 595 Collier St (5:15 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (2:33 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 529 Claxton Ave (2:51 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at Hwy 87 and Flournoy Ave (11:03 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings, and two citations.

**Friday, June 23** - Reckless driver reported on Williams Ave - w/arrest (12:10 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1282 Ann St (3:37 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1649 Boswell St (8:08 a.m.); Reckless driver reported at Hwy 87 (2:01 p.m.); Suspicious person reported to Elba Police (9:38 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at the bridge on Davis St (10:08 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in verbal warnings.

**Saturday, June 24** - Reckless driver reported at Hwy 87 and Hwy 84 - w/citation issued (2:22 a.m.); Drug activity reported to Elba Police (5:40 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

**Sunday, June 25** - Criminal mischief reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (12:38 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1528 Claxton Ave N (1:39 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 284 County Rd 401 (2:29 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at 1089 Claxton Ave N (7:27 p.m.); Report of shots fired behind Farris Ave (8:33 p.m.).

**Monday, June 26** - Theft of property reported at 4489 County Rd 514 (10:11 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 987 Drayton Ave (10:18 a.m.); Fight reported at 304 Simmons St (11:26 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 11 County Rd 342 (10:00 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a citation.



Little Bean [and the Gang] heard five words used together that no one wanted to hear earlier this week. She visited her veterinarian for her annual wellness check, and he said, "she needs to lose some weight."

Little Bean's world came crashing down around her! Cuzin Lou Lou had feared those words would soon be spoken, and the time finally arrived.

While Lou Lou is guilty same as Sister and Papa, those two are having just as hard of a time adjusting

to the new diet for Little Bean as she is having. In the past, the little monster could flash those 'wanting eyes' in either the direction of Papa or Sister, and she would get exactly what she wanted from the treat box. Even worse, when Papa would make his late-night trips into the kitchen, Bean would perk up from wherever she was resting and anxiously await his return to the family room because that meant she was more than likely getting something too.

Well...not so much anymore! The snacks have been limited, the meals have been reduced, and if anything comes Little Bean's way from the table, it now must either be veggies or lean meat!

During the first night of the new norm for Little Bean, Sister actually went to bed early to avoid those 'wanting eyes' should they come her way. She decided being out of sight's way was the best way to handle it!

Truthfully, Bean is doing okay so far...she hasn't bitten off anyone's finger or toe out of retaliation for not receiving all the sweet potato treat's her tummy desires...but, that has not stopped her from trying to get them.

There was one bit of good news for the Yonder Gang and Little Bean from the vet. He said her teeth looked really good, and he asked if she receives a dental treat. When told that Little Bean gets a dental every day, he said, "Good! Keep it up!"

Whew...at least the gang is doing one thing right, and that is one less thing for the little monster to get upset over. She is happily still receiving her dental treat every night.

Let's just hope the good overcomes the bad, and Little Bean accepts her new reality! She's got some pounds to shed whether she likes it or not...

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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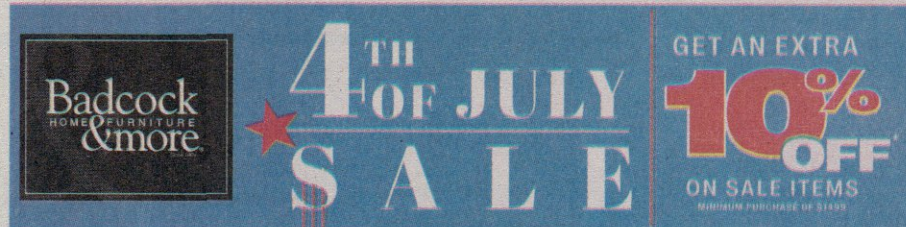
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Ande Ascencio was the first Kinston student to make a purchase from the Bookworm Vending Machine at Kinston Elementary School last week immediately after the ribbon cutting was held for the new machine. Pictured with Ascencio assisting her with the purchase is Kinston vice principal Crystal Hawthorne.



Students in Tiffany Carnley's summer reading program class participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new book vending machine at Kinston Elementary School last week. The students are pictured here with school and district administrators. Those pictured are: [front row, l to r] Harper Horner, Paxton Norris, Kayleigh Lloyd, Maggie Hunt, Nevaeh Beck, Ande Ascencio, Abi Cook; [middle row, l to r] Thomas Parker, Jakin Adcock, Flynn Todd, Jake Kightlinger, Parker Norris, Emma Chestnut, Karlee McKenzie; and [back row, l to r] Assistant Principal Crystal Hawthorne, District Administrator Carolyn Broaden, 3rd grade teacher Tiffany Carnley, District Administrator Tami Crosby, and Principal Megan Driggers.



These Kinston students also participated in the celebration of the opening of the Inchy Bookworm Book Vending Machine. Pictured with the students are (back) Kinston Assistant Principal Crystal Hawthorne and Principal Megan Driggers. The students are (kneeling) Molly Beck, Melanie Reese, Lexi Foley, Jessie Strain; and (standing) Riley LaGraft, Bentley Mims, Hadley Lasiter, Lily-Ann Weatherman, Jaxson Whigham, Gunnar Berry, Karson Fuller and JD Graham.

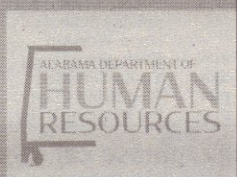
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## Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)

### JEROME BAXLEY

Mr. Jerome Baxley, age 86, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, June 22, 2023, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala. Jerome graduated from Wickburg High School. He served in the U.S. Air Force for four years. He worked with the USDA as an inspector and investigator. He was a faithful member of Westside Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for 50 years.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 25, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Ken Wilson officiating. Burial services followed in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Jerome was preceded in death by his parents, Wirt and Elba Baxley.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years: Peggy Joyce Baxley, Elba; son: Danny Jerome (Laura Grace) Baxley, Elba; daughter: Amy Free (Gary) Weeks, Chancellor, Ala.; grandson: Aaron Baxley, Elba; granddaughters: Stephanie (Clay) Henderson, Wetumpka, Ala., and Corey (Chase) Mercer, Chancellor; sister: Paulette Baxley (Glenn) Paul, Dothan; brother: Terry (Mary) Baxley, Dothan; six great-grandchildren; and many loving extended family members.

### GLORIA JUNE JURASEK

Mrs. Gloria June Jurasek, age 78, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, June 26, 2023, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Private services will be held per Mrs. Jurasek's request. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the Jurasek family.

Survivors include her sons: Jimmy (Dawn) Jurasek, Elba, and Jeffrey Waldon (Meleah) Jurasek, Mobile, Ala.

### SUE REEVES

Mrs. Sue Reeves, age 84, of Winter Garden, Fla., died Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at the Enterprise Health & Rehabilitation Center in Enterprise, Ala.

Sue was born in Orlando, Fla. to the late Jack and Voncille Clark on January 12, 1939. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Kinston and her love for the Lord was evident throughout her life.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 24, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Heath Fountain officiating. Burial followed in the Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death

by her son, Darrell Reeves; sister, Patricia Price; and brother, Norman Clark.

Survivors include her son: David (Lynn) Reeves, Kinston, Ala.; daughter: Susan Day, Kinston; grandchildren: Josh Reeves (Nicole), Jessica Johnson (Robert); great-grandchildren: Annistyn Reeves, Ray Johnson, and Sam Johnson; sisters: Maxine Sanders, Merlene Hazelett, Laverne Grek; and many nieces and nephews.

### LEON RUDOLPH FREE

Mr. Leon Rudolph Free, age 78, a lifelong resident of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 24, 2023, from Ino Baptist Church with Rev. Garry Winstead officiating. Burial services followed in the New Home Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years: Hilda Free, sons: Brian (Heather) Free, Jason (Katie) Free, and Rudy (LeeAnne) Free, grandsons: B J (Adrianna) Free, Matthew Free, John Free, David Free, Marcus Free, and Sam Free, granddaughters: Chanlyn Free, and Lynlee Free, and great-grandson: Wyatt Free, all of Elba; along with his brother: Joe (Brenda) Free, Enterprise, Ala.

### TERESA DARLENE SPEARS

Mrs. Teresa Darlene Spears, age 51, a resident of Jack, Ala., died Saturday, June 24, 2023, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

In accordance with her wishes, no formal services will be held. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the Spears family.

She was preceded in death by her father, Raymond Clifton. Survivors include her mother: Deborah Cross, Mims, Fla.; sons: Christopher

Ray (Kasandra) Johnson, Dalton, Ga.; Michael Brandon Johnson, Canton, Ohio, and Roger Shea Spears, Mims, Fla.; granddaughters: Natalie Johnson, Rockledge, Fla., and Brooklyn Johnson, Canton, Ohio; brothers: Michael Cross, and Randy Cross, both of Chatsworth, Ga.

## ACAP

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second graders with only three scoring below grade level on the ACAP test. That vaulted the school to a 94.83 percent score for second graders on or above grade level in reading.

Zion Chapel also tested 56 third graders with only two scoring below grade level in reading, which meant 96.43 percent of third graders were on or above grade level, according to ACAP results.

New Brockton, the largest school within the Coffee County School System, tested 97 second graders. Of these 97, 13 tested below grade level, and 84 [86.60 percent] tested on or above grade level.

The third grade at New Brockton tested 112 students with 18 of those below grade level in reading. 94 or 83.93 percent of the third graders came in at on or above grade level with the ACAP test.

"As the results show, our test scores for the system are among the highest in the state," Cobb said. "We attribute these great scores to our teachers, administrators, coaches, and interventionists who have worked tirelessly to reach every child."

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The short answer to this question is yes, though you may not need to speak with a cemetery owner directly. These days, a lot of cemeteries have websites where you can get the lay of the land and develop some sense of where your loved one is buried. Often, this is the quickest way to find the information you're looking for.

But if the cemetery doesn't have a website, or you still need assistance, it's perfectly fine to contact the cemetery's owner or operator. It's best to gather some key information before you do so, however - including the full name of the deceased and if possible, the year of their birth and the year of their death. This simply helps the cemetery owner to locate your loved one more quickly.

An alternative is to reach out to the local funeral home; even if it's not affiliated with the cemetery in question, it may have access to records that show where your loved one is buried.

In short, there's always a way to identify the final resting place of your loved one, so never hesitate to ask!

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at [hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net](mailto:hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net)

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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

by Steve Reneau, Pastor

Elba United Methodist Church

I invite you to read Philippians 4:4-9, and read the article below as a devotional.

I cannot believe that I have served in Elba for the past five years! I have loved my time in this community, and getting to work with the city and area churches. This time of farewell calls to mind this passage from Paul that he writes to the church in Philippi. His time with them in ministry is ending, and he reflects upon his relationship with his first church in Europe. This church has meant so much to Paul. It supported and encouraged him throughout his whole ministry. Yet, now Paul is departing, and he leaves the church with words to not worry, but to rejoice and be at peace. He tells them to focus on the excellent, the things worthy of praise, those good things they have done in ministry together. Paul then beautifully tells them, "keep doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me." I hope in my season in Elba, I have preached and lived the Good News of Jesus Christ among you.

In times like these, I am reminded of a book by Dr. Ira Byock titled The Four Things that Matter Most, in which, as a hospice physician, he speaks to four recurring phrases hears over and over again: Please forgive me; I forgive you; I love you; Thank you. Byock believes communicating these feelings to those around us are imperative, and encourages everyone to be more mindful of saying them throughout their lives instead of just at the end of them. Forgiveness is one of the hardest things to do in life. There are people in our lives that we are not quite ready to forgive, and I bet there are people in our lives that are not quite ready to forgive us. As a Pastor, whenever I do premarital counseling, I always ask the couple if they fight with each other. The responses are quite amusing. The only response that gives me concern is when a couple says that they never have arguments. This either heralds to me an imbalance in the relationship or the couple has not lived life together in a deep way. When people interact together disagreements will occur, we are only human. Alexander Pope once said, "To err is human, to forgive divine." As people of faith, we are called to live a life that looks like God, that looks like the divine. We are called to be a people of forgiveness to those who deserve it and to those who do not. Please forgive me, and I forgive you.

I John 4 tells us that God is love, and as people of faith we should be first and foremost known by our love. I have loved my time with you, and I have loved the city of Elba. It is my hope and prayer that the community goes from strength to strength. I know it has an amazing foundation of people who have banded together in tragic times to love and care for one another. Thank you for letting me be one of the pastors in this community. Thank you for the time we have shared together, and may God add a special blessing upon Elba.

"Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets Monday nights at the Rabbit Hole in Elba, Ala.

The "Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets every Monday night at the Rabbit Hole, 218 Factory Ave., Elba, beginning at 6 p.m. This is a safe, confidential space to talk, network and grow in recovery. For more information, contact Rory Vignola on Facebook.

## Chestnut Grove Methodist Church plans July 9th homecoming services

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church will hold its annual Homecoming Service on Sunday, July 9, beginning at 10:30 a.m. After the service lunch will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

Guest speaker will be Justin Barnes. Special

## Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

334-282-2200



Scripture: Simple Trust in the Lord, a Call for Hope. Psalm 131: 1-3

### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Louisco Moultry, World Leaders, Marcus Fitch, Doris Hooks Fleming, Toney (Kool-Breeze) Wright, Glen Gray, Eva Carlyise, Mary Jean Warren

### July Birthdays / Anniversaries

Monique Hutchinson 7/25  
Kathy Johnson Harris 7/26  
Yolanda Reynolds 7/26  
Bryce Phillips 7/26  
Maggie D. Marshall 7/26  
Henry and Nobie Rayborn 7/27 W.A.  
Willis Bruton 7/27 (in memory)  
Vivian M. Cole 7/28  
Mary Starks 7/28  
Myron K. Duncan 7/28  
Martha Snell 7/28  
Willie C. Tillis Sr. 7/29  
Grace Daniels 7/30  
Jimmy and Yvonne Jones 7/31 W.A.

### Intolerable Tolerance

Twenty-first century society is bending over backward to grant the moral freedom of choice to every soul, no matter how a person's choices may offend God, endanger lives, and/or contaminate the culture. It is called "tolerance." Calling sin "sin" is viewed as judgmental and unsophisticated. Standing for God's absolutes is ridiculed as "primitive" or at least "ultra-conservative." All manner of perversions, obscenity, exploitation, and godlessness is tolerated in the name of "freedom" and "choice."

The moral uncertainty of our times is not so very different from that of Amos' Day. His neighbors, too, were tolerating all kinds of sinful and ungodly behavior. They needed to be told of impending punishment for their transgressions. God warned them that He

would deliver them into the hands of their enemies because they were so disobedient and unrepentant. So called "tolerance" eventually becomes intolerable to God. True, He is patient with us, for He wants no one to perish [2 Peter 3:9]. But, justice ultimately will prevail. Sin will earn its wages [Romans 6:23]. Unforgiven unbelievers will suffer "the second death" [Revelation 21:8].

Who, like Amos, will warn them of what is coming? Who will call them to repentance? — R.W.B.

### Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 6/29/23

True or False

Q: Satan came to present himself before the Lord.

A: True [Job 2:1]

Q: Job believed that even after his body was destroyed, he would see God in his flesh.

A: True [Job 19:26]

### Thought to Remember

To keep spiritually fit, keep walking with the Lord.

### Questions for the Week of 7/6/23

Multiple Choice

Q: Who received Samuel when Hannah presented him to the Lord? (Elkanah, Ehud, Eli)

Q: Which Old Testament character was not mentioned in Zechariah's prophecy? (David, Abraham, Moses)

Q: Who told Job to curse God and die? (Job's wife, his friend, Satan)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue



**LITTLE MISS Firecracker**

**TUESDAY | JULY 4TH**

**2:00 PM @ ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**ADMISSION - \$2 (AGES 5+)**

**BABY MISS FIRECRACKER - AGES 0-1**

**TODDLER MISS FIRECRACKER - AGES 2-3**

**MINI MISS FIRECRACKER - AGES 4-5**

**LITTLE MISS FIRECRACKER - AGES 6-7**

**VIEWER'S CHOICE - \$1 PER VOTE**

**ATTIRE: FAVORITE PATRIOTIC OUTFIT**

**CASUAL OR SUNDRRESS**

**PRE-REGISTRATION - \$15**

**DAY-OF REGISTRATION (1:00 PM) - \$20**

**DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION - JULY 2ND @ 5:00 PM**

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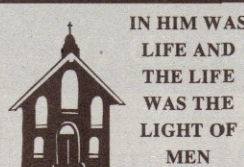
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# Church Directory



IN HIM WAS  
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MEN

**ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Rockey Pearce, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.**  
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sam Self, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

**BETHEL AME CHURCH**  
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Greg Cotter, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Robert Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Remonia Smith, Pastor  
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH**  
Larry Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

**COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Paul Jackson, Pastor  
Sunday Fellowship, 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal... 5:30 p.m.  
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Steve Watson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

**EANON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Mark Ward, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Phillip Box, Minister  
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD**  
David Noble, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY**  
H.L. Buckner, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Night... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE**  
Allen Richards, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Dwight Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Kit Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Lovell Martin, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Timothy Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Phillip Adcock, Pastor  
Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON**  
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Scott Donaldson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH**  
Edward E. Drake, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

**GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH**  
Overseers - Billy Berry  
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

**GRACE FELLOWSHIP**  
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Marvin Luckett Jr., Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC**  
W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
J. R. Parks, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Bib. Stud Wed... 11:00 a.m.  
1st & 3rd Sundays

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Olan Strickland, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Will Jordan, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Loreal Flowers, Minister  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Julian Mitchell, Pastor  
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Lee Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON**  
Terry McCrummen, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

**PRAYSE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER**  
Roy L. Turner, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH**  
A. R. Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Kerry Saxon, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

**SHADY GROVE AME CHURCH**  
James Boots, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Leon Fortune, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

**TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON CHURCH**  
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Terry Godwin, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:00 p.m.

**NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Randall Pearson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:00 p.m.

**NEW GLORIOUS COGIC**  
James Starks Jr., Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Allen Dias, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**  
Brad Sasser, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH**  
Lanny Shepard, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba**  
Max Reed, Minister  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

**TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
C.P. Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

**VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH**  
Donald Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

**VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Lucas Taylor, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.  
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

**VICTORY TABERNACLE**  
Ruby Lawson, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

**WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Ken Wilson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

**WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

**WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Dustin Wiscarver, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Donnie Marler, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

**WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**  
Mike Medley, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Cary Maulden, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

To Update Your Church Listing, please call us at (334) 897-2823!



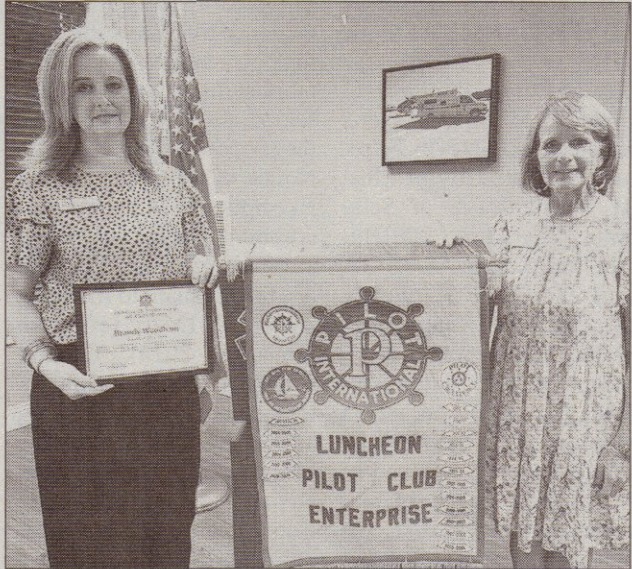
## LIFESTYLES

## Local students named to Dean's, List for Spring Term 2023 at UA

A total of 12,487 students enrolled during Spring Semester 2023 at The University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's).

Local students named to the lists included:

- Lauren Haley of Elba, named to the Deans List.
- Madison Askins of New Brockton, named to the Deans List.
- Leticia Calloway of New Brockton, named to the Deans List.
- William Page of New Brockton, named to the Deans List.



**Outgoing Luncheon Pilot Club [Enterprise] President/Director Brandy Woodham (left) recently was presented a certificate of appreciation by the incoming president Debbie Shelton (right). A brick with Brandy's name and her term of office will be placed at the entrance to the walking track at Johnny Henderson Park.**

## Lacy Kelley of Elba earns degree from University of Maryland Global Campus

Lacy M. Kelley, of Elba, Ala., earned a(n) Associate of Arts degree from the University of Maryland Global Campus in spring 2023.

Kelley was one of nearly 3,400 students who earned

degrees from UMGC in the spring semester. Graduates came from all 50 states, four U.S. territories, and 22 countries. The average age of a UMGC graduate in the spring class of 2023 is 35 years old.

## Seniors age 60 and older encouraged to get active with Elba Senior Center

Seniors age 60 and older are encouraged to attend the Elba Senior Citizens Center.

Along with nutritious meals five days a week, the director works with seniors to help them apply for several programs they may qualify, including Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC- Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Program, etc. Seniors must be an active participant at the Elba Senior center for the director to sign them up for the qualifying pro-

grams.

To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. This is a social place to come have fun and find or make new friends. If interested in joining the center stop by or call (334) 897-3019. The center is located at 304 N. Factory Ave. (across from the Elba Police Department).

Seniors age 60 and older that cannot come to the center may qualify for meals being brought to their home.

For questions, call center director Donna Falls at (334) 897-3019.



**4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING JUNIOR TEAM TAKES FIRST PLACE...**On Tuesday, June 20, the Coffee/Geneva County Livestock Judging Team competed at the Alabama 4-H State Livestock Judging contest held on the campus of Auburn University. The team had a successful day at the contest. The Coffee/Geneva County Junior Team won first place overall, while the Senior Team placed fourth overall. Team members were required to judge eight classes of livestock, while answering two sets of questions from judges, and Junior contestants giving two sets of reasons, while Seniors gave four sets of reasons. Team members, pictured above from left to right are: Ellie Odom, Kaiya Owens, Emily Ann Morgan, Aggie Busby, Corbit Dyess, Callie Odom, LuLu Thompson, Dow Boyd, Addie Beasock, Case Busby, Declan Odom, and John Warren Dyess

## Two Enterprise students earn Alfa Foundation Scholarships

Ella Hogan and Chase Morgan, both of Enterprise, Ala., were recently selected as recipients of the 2023-24 Alfa Foundation Scholarship Program.

Hogan, an upcoming freshman at Auburn University, received \$1,000 to use toward tuition, fees, books or supplies.

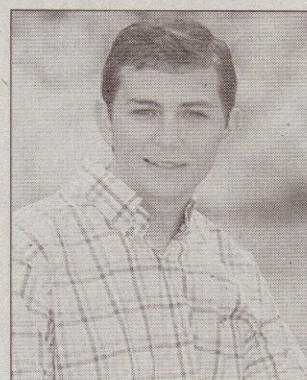
Morgan, an upcoming freshman at Troy University, received \$1,000 to use toward tuition, fees, books or supplies.

"We are proud to support this outstanding group of students as they further their education within the state of Alabama," said Alfa Insurance® President



**Enterprise High School graduate Ella Hogan of Enterprise recently received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Alfa Foundation.**

Jimmy Parnell. "It's important to us as an organiza-



**Enterprise High School graduate Chase Morgan of Enterprise recently received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Alfa Foundation.**

tion to invest in our young people, and we are happy to do so through the Alfa Foundation Scholarship Program."

Scholarships were awarded based on grade point average, participation in school and community activities, honors,

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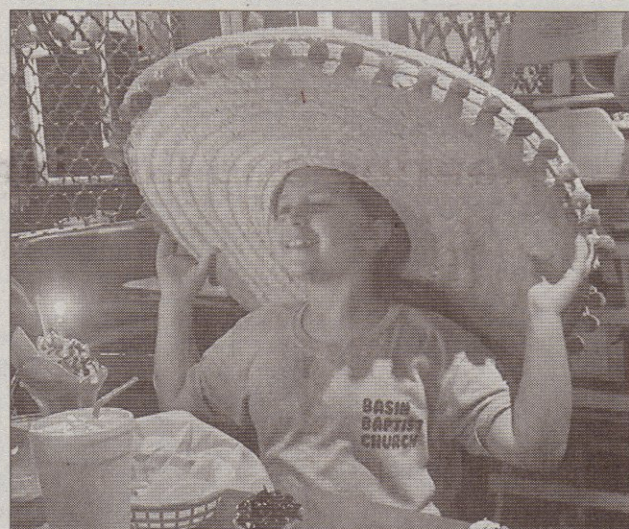
## New Hope Senior Center looking for new participants

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## Cameron Nolin of New Brockton earns degree from Mississippi State University

Cameron Nolin, of New Brockton, Ala., is among more than 4,100 students graduating from Mississippi State University in spring

2023. Nolin received the Bachelor of Science degree from MSU's Bagley College of Engineering.



**Lennon Cowen celebrated her 8th birthday on Monday.** She enjoyed a birthday dinner last Saturday night at Effie's in Enterprise. Lennon is the daughter of Clint and Sarah Cowen, and she attends school at Kinston.

## Elba City Schools

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA (ELBA DIVISION)

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SELENA M. KING DECEASED

CASE NO PC 2023-034

#### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to ROY BURLEON KING, as Executor of the Estate of Selena M. King, deceased, on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

ROY BURLEON KING, Executor of the Estate of Selena M. King, deceased.

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IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LINDA R. BAUER, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA (Elba Division)

CASE No: PC 2023-035

#### NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

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Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Richard A. Bauer

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Personal Representative of said Estate

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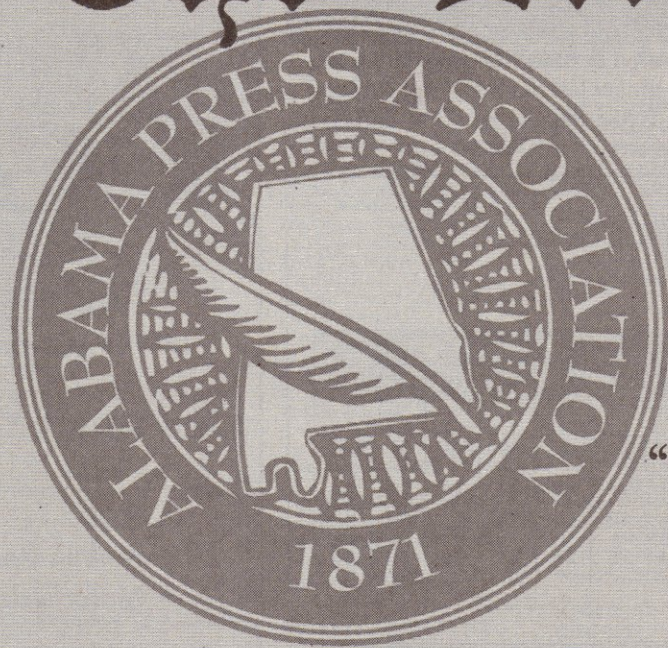
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## SPORTS NEWS

## Views From

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*We joined Lawson and his Mom* last weekend for a short visit to an indoor water park and play area at LaGrange, Georgia. Lawson, a friend of his and his Mom ignored the drops and turns to try out all the water slides, and while I will admit I didn't try out the slides, I did get in three of the pools and enjoyed the getaway. Hey, it's summer, which means it's okay to get wet, even at my age.

## For what it is worth....

\*\*\* *The Alabama Sports Writers Association* announced its annual 'All-State' high school baseball teams recently with the brother combo of Jayden and Jordan Parks gaining first team honors, as well as Bulldog teammate Jon Bush and Kinston's Owen Patterson. The Parks brothers were key cogs in the Bulldog machine that helped it reach the state finals, while Patterson was the big stick in the line-up down at Kinston as the 'Dogs rolled into the playoffs. All the fans at both schools knew the numbers of the players and sat up anytime they took the field, and it is great that now the state knows of their skills. Congratulations!

\*\*\* *Any sports fan that has ever purchased a ticket* to a college football or basketball game can tell you that the world of college sports is a multi-million dollar business. That fact was made clear again recently when the nationwide newspaper USA Today released its annual database of college athletics financial figures. The figures, for the 2022-2023 seasons, revealed that the rich are only getting richer and the rest are falling farther and farther behind. Topping the revenue list was Ohio State with \$251.6 million, while Alabama came in third with a sports revenue of \$214.4 million and Auburn in 11<sup>th</sup> with revenue of \$174.6 million. Nine of the top twenty money makers were from the SEC, and when you look ahead and add Texas and Oklahoma to the list, the SEC has seven of the top ten. The revenue income of the other colleges in the state included South Alabama \$39.1 million, UAB \$38.4 million, Troy \$33.4 million, Jacksonville State \$20.3 million, Alabama State \$14.6 million, Alabama A & M \$14.0 million, and North Alabama \$13.8 million. The old saying "follow the money" is also true in college athletics, and seems to parallel a school's success.

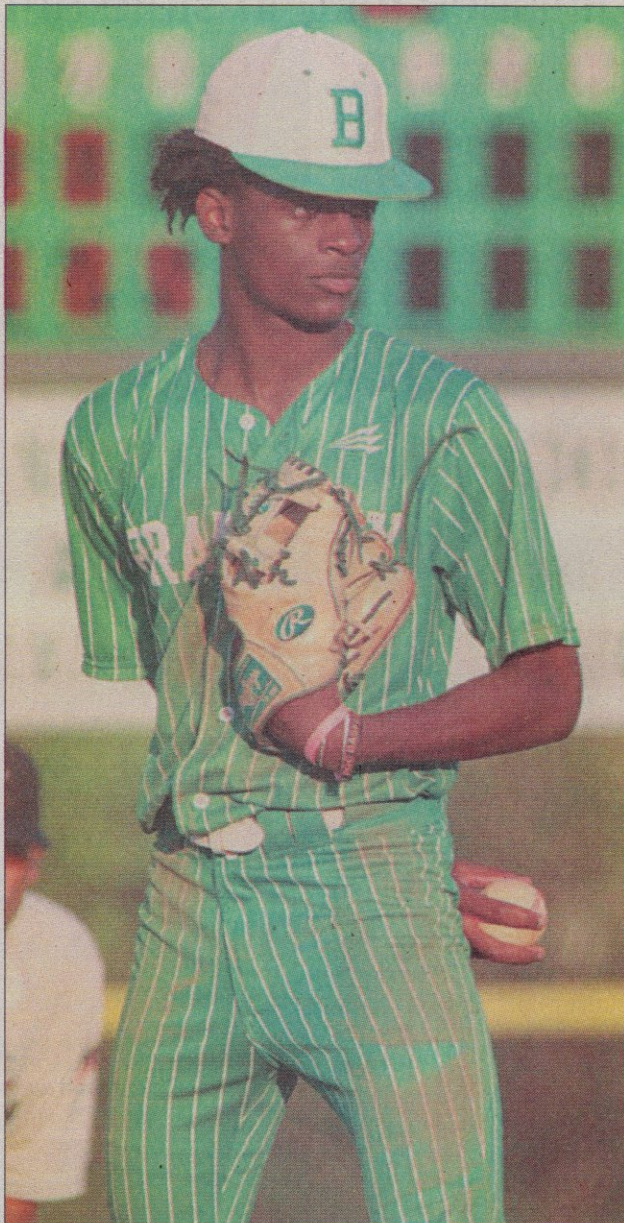
\*\*\* *The second phase of fan voting* for the Major League Baseball All-Star game is underway and Atlanta Braves fans have been loyal to their hometown players as Ronald Acuna was the high vote getter in the first phase with over three million votes and six other Braves advanced to round two. Acuna has already put his name in the starting lineup with his high vote total, while the remaining six teammates aren't really long shots to take the field in the other seven defensive positions. The Braves lead the ballot with six players, while the Dodgers follow with four, and no other team has more than two. Over in the American League the Blue Jays and Rangers both put five players in round two, ad in somewhat of a surprise the Yankees and Astros both saw only one player advance. I am not sure the TV executives would be happy about it, but it would be unique if the National League lineup included seven Atlanta Braves and either Toronto or Texas had six. You can vote early and often. So, let's go Braves!

\*\*\* *In closing.... Elba Tiger golfer John Martin Wilson* was all over the news last week as he competed at the Future Masters golf tournament in Dothan, and made all of his Elba fans happy with his strong showing at the international event. Wilson, only 15, competed in the 15-18 age division and more than held his own as he kept his name on the leaderboard. I enjoyed watching his live interviews on TV and urge everyone in Elba to keep up with this talented young man as he gets better and better.

## Super 12 team honored

*The Dothan Eagle* announced its 2023 'Super 12' high school baseball selections recently with a number of area players receiving honorable mention on the prestigious roster of prep standouts.

Area players that received 'Honorable Mention' included Riley Simmons, New Brockton; Jaxson Whitworth, New Brockton; and, Owen Patterson, Kinston.



BRANTLEY BULLDOG JAYDEN PARKS

## Kinston's Patterson honored

## Brantley Bulldogs place three on All-State team

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has announced its 2023 'All-State' high school baseball selections and included on the honored list are four members of the state 1A runners-up Brantley Bulldogs and one member of the Kinston Bulldogs.

Brantley was represented on the first team by Jayden Parks, Jordan Parks and Jon Bush, while Kinston's Owen Patterson was also a first team selection, and Brantley's Kaleb Weed received honorable mention.

Jayden Parks, a sophomore, pitcher, posted a 9-1 record on the mound with four saves, had a 1.43 earned run average, and allowed 29 hits and 19 walks in 44 innings of work, while striking out 80.

Jordan Parks, a senior, first baseman, batted .438 in 29 games with a .519 on-base percentage. He hit four doubles and one triple, knocked in 22 runs, scored 35 runs, was successful on 23 of 25 stolen base attempts, drew 17 walks and struck out just seven times.

Jon Bush, a senior, outfielder, batted .429 in 28 games with a .525 on-base percentage. He hit one home run, 9 doubles and 3 triples, with 27 runs batted in and scored 38 runs. He was 22 for 24 on stolen base attempts, drew 11 walks and was hit by a pitch six times, while striking out only four times in 101 plate appearances.

Owen Patterson, a senior, catcher, batted .422 in 24 games with a .591 on-base percentage. He knocked in 20 runs, scored 36 runs, and hit 8 doubles and 7 triples. He was 28 of 29 on stolen base attempts, drew 26 walks and struck out only 12 times.

Kaleb Weed, a senior, catcher, batted .450 in 29 games with an on-base percentage of .589. He hit 7 doubles and 3 triples, drove in 30 runs, scored 21 runs and was a perfect 13 for 13 on stolen base attempts. He drew 10 walks and was hit by a pitch 17 times.

Following is a complete list of area players named to the 'All-State' roster.

(Class 7A) Honorable Mention – Austin Acreman, senior, pitcher, Enterprise; Brady Richardson, sophomore, infielder, Enterprise.

(Class 5A) 1st Team – Mason Steele, senior, outfielder, Headland; 2nd Team – Bryce Glover, sophomore, pitcher, Headland; Honorable Mention – Damien Hart, senior, catcher, Charles Henderson; Trent Weatherly, senior, designated hitter, Headland; Hitter of the Year – Mason Steele, Headland.

(Class 4A) 2nd Team – Ryan Jackson, senior, outfielder, Geneva; Cody Walsh, junior, utility, Andalusia; Honorable Mention – Parker Adams, junior, outfielder, Andalusia.

(Class 3A) 1st Team – Adam Boyd, junior, pitcher, Houston Academy; Bryson Brookshire, junior, infielder, Slolcomb; Wyatt Shelley, freshman, infielder, Houston Academy; Robbie Gafford, senior, outfielder, Opp; J.T. Pitchford, senior, utility, Houston Academy; 2nd Team – Harrison Mims, senior, pitcher, Providence Christian; Matt Dave Snell, senior, catcher, Providence Christian; Chapel Stickler, junior, outfielder, Providence Christian; Honorable Mention – Colby Ballard, junior, pitcher, Opp; Will Wells, senior, designated hitter, Houston Academy; Hitter of the Year – Wyatt Shelley, Houston Academy; Coach of the Year – Tony Kirkland, Houston Academy.

(Class 2A) 1st Team – Eason Dean, junior, pitcher, Wicksburg; Caden Collier, junior, infielder, Arton; Connor Thrash, senior, infielder, Arton; K.C. Bradford, senior, utility, Pike Liberal Arts; 2nd Team – Drew Colon, sophomore, pitcher, Wicksburg; Cullis Kelly, senior, pitcher, G.W. Long; John Lott, junior, catcher, Pike Liberal Arts; Maddox Burkhardt, senior, designated hitter, Wicksburg; Honorable Mention – Hayes Home, senior, catcher, G.W. Long; Levi DeBoer, senior, outfielder, Pike Liberal Arts; Landon Turner, senior, outfielder, Arton; Coach of the Year – Bob Pickett, Arton.

(Class 1A) 1st Team – Jayden Parks, sophomore, pitcher, Brantley; Dalton Jackson, sophomore, infielder, Florida; Jordan Parks, senior, infielder, Brantley; Owen Patterson, senior, designated hitter, Kinston; 2nd Team – Zane Weeks, senior, outfielder, Florida; Seth Bundy, senior, designated hitter, Florida; Honorable Mention – Jud Goolsby, senior, catcher, Florida; Caleb Weed, senior, catcher, Brantley.



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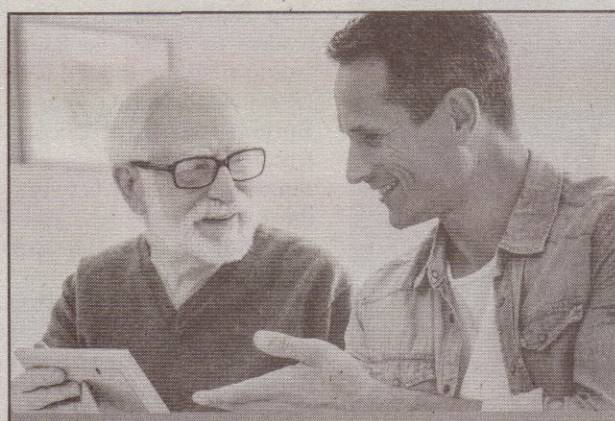


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# SPORTS NEWS

## Kinston 12U [Ozone] team finishes third in state at DYB Division II tournament

Kinston Recreation sent its 12U baseball team to Headland last week for the 2023 Dixie Youth Baseball Division II Ozone State Tournament, which began Friday, June 23, and the team pounded the ball for several days before being eliminated on Tuesday, June 27th. The Kinston team was one win shy of making it to the championship game.

At the state tournament, Kinston played a total of six games, winning four and losing two. The team from Coffee County ended the season as the third best DYB 12U team for Division II.

On this page are some photos from Kinston's Sunday, June 25, game against Arton.



That's a homerun swing off the bat of Jon Simmons in the first inning of Sunday's game. Simmons hit multiple homeruns throughout the state tournament.



Teammates greet Easton Parker as he returns to the dugout celebrating a homerun he hit against Arton during Sunday's game.



Coach Justin Creech discusses batting strategy with Evan Hilburn during a timeout Sunday afternoon as Arton was making a pitching change.

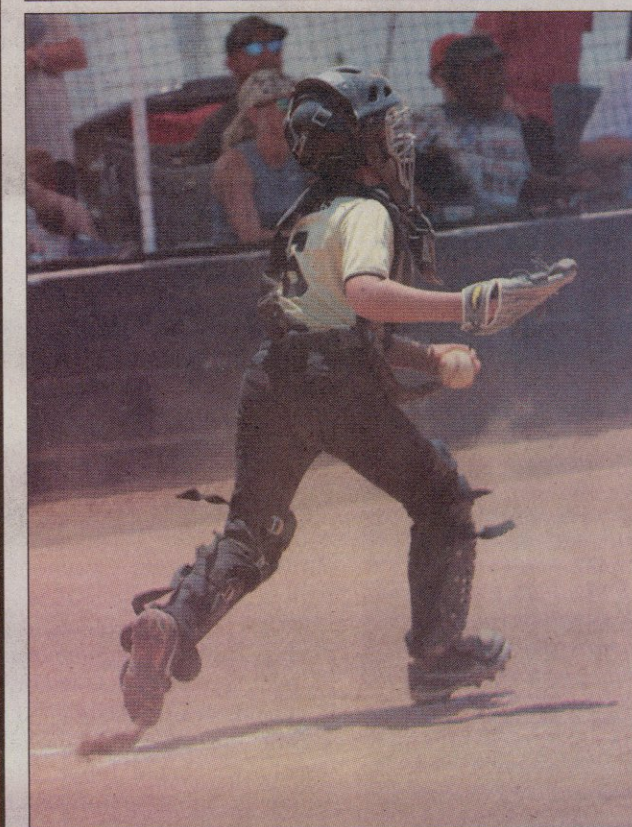


Parker Weeks pitched a couple of innings for Kinston in Sunday's game against Arton. Also, during Sunday's game, Weeks hit his first 'over the fence' homerun.



Luke Carnley gets a good lead off first base after a solid hit Sunday afternoon.

More photos of Elba's 8U team at the DYB State Tourney



Top Left: Kip Brunson comes up to bat for Elba.  
Top Right: Matthew Free readies to throw the baseball to first after he fields it from his third base position.  
Bottom Left: Elba catcher Brodie Parks attempts to run down a runner between third base and home during Sunday's game in Headland.

Congrats to the 8U DYB Team from Elba and the 12U DYB Team from Kinston for their successes at the State Tourney!!

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